Division Overview

Metropolitan Transportation Service (MTS)
MTS Division Responsibilities

Planning
• Serves as the region’s federally required Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
• Performs long-range transportation system planning for all modes
• Shorter term federal transportation funds programming

Transit operations
• Provide, contract for, and coordinate metropolitan transit operations
• Provide financial assistance to local transit providers

Grants
• Administer transportation grants to local agencies and transit operators
State and federal law – requirements

State Law – Minnesota Land Planning Act (MS 473.146)

“The Council is the designated planning agency for any long-range comprehensive transportation planning…[and] shall assure administration and coordination of transportation planning with appropriate state, regional and other agencies, counties, and municipalities.”

Federal Law and Rules

- Metropolitan Transportation Planning 23 USC §134
- National Environmental Policy Act
- 1990 Clean Air Act and Conformity Rule
- Title VI Environmental Justice
State transportation planning

• Adopt a long-range comprehensive policy plan for transportation

• The Transportation Policy Plan
  – Represents two of four required regional system plans: surface transportation and aviation
  – Provides guidance on the regional transportation system for developing local comprehensive plans

• Council reviews local plan consistency and conformance with regional system plans
Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Transportation Policy Plan

2. Transportation Improvement Program

3. Implement Projects

STAKEHOLDERS

THrive MSP 2040
State Plans
System and Corridor Studies
Special Funding Programs

MnDOT
Transit Providers
Local Governments
Regional Solicitation

Monitor Performance
Evaluate Outcomes
Adjust Strategies and Investments
MTS Family of transit services

• **Fixed route** – backbone of public transit
• **Metro Mobility** – ADA service (blue)
  – Required by Federal Law
  – Complementary to fixed route
• **Metro Mobility** - Non-ADA service (grey)
  – ADA certified riders traveling outside ADA service area
  – Required by state law
• **Transit Link**
  – Shared-ride public transport where regular route transit is infrequent or unavailable
• **Metro Vanpool**
  – Vanpools have five to 15 people sharing the ride to and from work an average of three or more days a week.
Regional Services

- Fleet for Regional Services
- Technology
- Grants management
- Regional Policy
- Regional Provider Performance Reporting
- Support of Suburban Transit Providers (STPs)
  - Est. 1981 chapter 363, sec 44
2019 regional transit ridership – 91.6 million

- Metro Transit: 84.2%
- MTS: 5.9%
- Suburban Providers: 5.4%
- U of M: 4.5%